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SUBJ: SRI LANKA FOREIGN MINISTER A.C.S. HAMEED'S STATEMENT TO
HAVANA NON-ALIGNED MEETING

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ISSUED TEXT OF FOREIGN MINISTER HAMEED'S MAY 18 STATEMENT TO THE NON-ALIGNED BUREAU MEETING IN HAVANA. SALIENT POINTS OF HAMEED'S STATEMENT FOLLOWS.

2. NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM)

HAMEED SAID NAM'S SUCCESS IS INDISPUTABLE BUT WARNED OF PROBLEMS. HE REFERRED TO SUBTLE AND INSIDIOUS DANGERS DEMANDING THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF VIGILANCE, CAUTION, AND ABOVE ALL, UNITY. SINCE THE STRENGTH OF THE MOVEMENT IS ITS UNITY, IT IS NATURAL THAT EFFORTS TO WEAKEN IT AND REDUCE ITS IMPORT ON WORLD AFFAIRS SHOULD BE DIRECTED AT THIS UNITY. COOPERATION OF NON-ALIGNED NATIONS IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE IN SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES IF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS OR REGIONAL EFFORTS FAIL. NAM MUST FACE THE CHALLENGE RATHER THAN SHIFT RESPONSIBILITY ELSEWHERE. OUTSIDE INTERVENTION MIGHT WELL BE RESULT OF NAM INABILITY TO

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SETTLE ITS OWN PROBLEMS.

3. DISARMAMENT

NAM WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING ABOUT SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT AT WHICH DISARMAMENT FOR FIRST TIME BEING CONSIDERED JOINTLY BY HAVES AND HAVE-NOTS. ACKNOWLEDGING COMPLEXITY OF ISSUE AND NAIVETE OF EXPECTING INSTANT DISARMAMENT,

HAMEED NOTED THAT LACK OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS DOES NOT MEAN INCOMPETENCY TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF VITAL CONCERN TO MANKIHS'S SURVIVAL. SPECIAL ATTENTION MUST BE GIVEN TO NUCLEAR ARMS RACE. NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT IS THE FIRST PRIORITY.

4. HAMEED RESTATED PRESIDENT JAYEWARDENE'S PROPOSAL MADE AT FEBRUARY 1978 COMMONWEALTH REGIONAL SUMMIT IN SYDNEY, INCLUDING THE SUGGESTION FOR A WORLD DISARMAMENT AUTHORITY. HE SAID THAT PRESIDENT HAD CONVEYED OUTLINE OF PROPOSED DISARMAMENT AUTHORITY IN LETTERS TO ALL HEADS OF STATES AND GOVERNMENTS. (COMMENT: MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) OFFICIAL TOLD POL OFFICER THAT LETTER HAD BEEN SENT TO PRESIDENT CARTER THROUGH WASHINGTON EMBASSY. HE DECLINED TO PROVIDE COPY OF LETTER, SAYING THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE UNTIL REACTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.)

5. SOUTHERN AFRICA
NAMIBIA: WE STAND RESOLUTELY BY PREVIOUS DECISION OF NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS AND CALL FOR SOUTH AFRICA TO ABIDE BY UN RESOLUTIONS. NO SETTLEMENT WHICH EXCLUDE REAL REPRESENTATIVES OF NAMBIAN PEOPLE, SWAPO, WILL BE ACCEPTABLE.
ZPTBABWE: CONCERNED THAT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE HAS OBSTRUCTED A SETTLEMENT. WE REJECT UNHESITATINGLY CHARADE OF SO-CALLED INWRNAL SETTLEMENT AND PLEDGE UNRESERVED SUPPORT TO PAR-RIOTIC FRONT.
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6. MIDDLE EAST
HAMEED BLAMED INABILITY TO REACH A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT ON ISRAEL'S ARROGANT INTRANSIGENCE. HE RESTATED SRI LANKA'S POSITION THAT FAIR AND JUST SETTLEMENT CAN ONLY BE REACHED WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE SETTLEMENT BASED ON ISRAEL'S UNCONDITIONAL ADHERENCE TO SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242. HE ALSO CONDEMNED ISRAEL'S BRUTUAL MILITARY ATTACK INTO LEBANON.

7. INDIAN OCEAN
HAMEED MENTIONED US-SOVIET INDIAN OCEAN TALKS AND SAID HE IS NOT CONVINCED TALKS WILL BRING GOAL OF ZONE OF PEACE IN REGION ANY CLOSER. TOTAL ELIMINATION OF GREAT POWER MILITARY PRESENCE AND BASES IS THE ONLY CERTAIN MEANS OF REMOVING TENSION AND CONFLICT IN THE AREA. HE ASKED THAT GREAT POWERS COOPERATE WITH UN AD HOC COMMITTEE IN INDIAN OCEAN AS AN EARNEST OF THEIR GOOD INTENTIONS.

8. ECONOMIC ISSUES
HAMEED SPOKE TO ECONOMIC PROBLEMS BESETTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INTER ALIA, MARKET INSTABILITY, INFLATIONARY PRESSURES

IN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, CURRENCY INSTABILITY, RISING PROTECTIONISM, AND EXTERNAL INDEBTEDNESS. HE NOTED THAT DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE LAGS FAR BEHIND GOALS SET FOR SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE AND ATTRIBUTED THIS TO LACK OF POLITICAL WILL OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN MAJOR RESTRUCTURING OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

9. HE BLAMED TODAY'S COMMODITY PROBLEMS ON FAILURE OF FREE

MARKET MECHANISM TO ENSURE ADEQUATE RAW MATERIAL SUPPLIES AND PROVIDE A FAIR RETURN TO PRODUCING COUNTRIES. AS AN INTERIM STEP TO THE COMMON FUND, HE PROPOSED TO SEEK A BETTER COORDINATED SYSTEM OF INFORMATION ON TRENDS IN PRICES AND SUPPLIES OF KEY COMMODITIES THAT BULK LARGE IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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10. FULL TEXT OF HAMEED'S STATEMENT IS BEING POUCHED TO INS/NEA.

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